

Items for the Daily Log - 19 September 1952

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1. After discussing the matter with [redacted] who had in turn coordinated with [redacted] of FE, I called Congressman Gwinn in his office in Yonkers. I informed him that there was little I could add to what I had told him on our meeting of 17 March, concerning the [redacted] case. I stated that we would probably send someone to talk with [redacted] again and that the less publicity the case received, the better, as any public indication what type of work in which [redacted] was engaged would certainly decrease the possibility of his emerging alive. I also informed Congressman Gwinn that there had been a few recent releases from Communist Chinese prisons, but those released were at a loss to know why they had been selected for release. Nevertheless, if [redacted] were still alive, there might still be hope that he could be released.

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2. I discussed with Mrs. Sharon of the office of Senator Hendrickson the case of [redacted]. Mrs. Sharon stated that [redacted] had again written to the Senator to seek the disposition of the case. I informed her that the case had been privately discussed by the Senator and Mr. Dulles and that, therefore, it was considered closed by this office. I stated that we had been at fault in the handling of the case originally but, nevertheless, there was no possibility for [redacted] present employment.

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3. Mr. Hedden informed me that he had received word that [redacted] in this country on a visitor's visa, who had been pledged every assistance by the DCI for permanent residence because of certain interests which we had in him, had found a job [redacted]. It was necessary for [redacted] to secure approval for working from the Director of Immigration at [redacted]. After discussing the matter with Messrs. Houston, [redacted] and [redacted] on 19 and 20 September, we reached a final determination that it was illegal for [redacted] to work under his present status, that we could probably postpone deportation for several months during which a private bill could be passed, and that Contacts Division should approach [redacted] at a high level and request them to instruct their Director of Immigration to allow [redacted] to work, and assure them that we would make every effort to expedite congressional action in this case.

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[redacted] of FE called to state that in connection with their desire to send [redacted] overseas, he had not been able to contact the DDCI for a statement as to the status of the case. He requested that I check this matter with [redacted]. I told [redacted] that the best solution would be through DD/P, but he has requested that I seek to obtain some element of the timing of the Department of Justice procedures so that he can properly prepare his memorandum.

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